

EL

OEXA: 82-2456
18 October 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

[REDACTED]

Acting Director, Office of External Affairs

STAT

SUBJECT: Visit of Daniel Southerland, Christian Science Monitor,
1500 Hours, 18 October

1. You agreed to see Christian Science Monitor reporter Daniel Southerland at 1500 hours today at his request. Mr. Southerland is working on a story concerning intelligence in the decade ahead. He would be very interested in your views on the future of intelligence under your Administration and what you believe may develop in the years immediately following. A brief bio is attached at left.

2. Southerland has indicated a specific interest in:

--Resources: Support of the Administration for increased budgets to improve capabilities.

--Growing Challenges: Dangers of military and economic confrontations; imponderables related to Soviet leadership succession. (Southerland would also benefit from the points you make in your speeches regarding technology transfer, Soviet projection of power by proxy forces, terrorism, active measures.)

--Morale: Has heard it is up in all components except DDI/SOVA. (Southerland has probably heard grumblings about SOVA having moved out of Headquarters building. Dick Kerr tells me there was such grumblings but that whatever loss of morale there was has come back. The grumblings reflected SOVA's concern about not being able to do as good job out of the mainstream of daily events. There are plans to move SOVA back.)

--Poland: Has heard intelligence not of high quality, particularly in predicting events. (DDI's [REDACTED] has provided a response which is at left.)

STAT

--FOIA: (Southerland probably will pick up on your recent comments to the American Legion in Chicago. Your letter to The Editor responding to editorials is at left. Points to be made are



0310

a) we have never suggested FOIA should be done away with,
b) but intelligence is in need of some relief from the Act because of the incompatibility of a secret organization searching its files for release of information to the public.)

3. Southerland has been told you will be unwilling to discuss covert action and anything about an alleged trip abroad. The guidelines for the interview are that everything you discuss will be off-the-record but that any material he may wish to use in his story can be negotiated during the meeting.



STAT

Attachments:
As Stated

OEXA/PAD/DP/djc/18 Oct 82/x-7676

Distribution

Orig - Addressee

1 - ER

1 - OEXA Reg (82-2456)

1 - EXDIR

1 - DDCI

1 - D/OEXA

1 - AD/OEXA

1 - PAD Subject

1 - DP Chrono

(Retyped:LBS:mlg 18 Oct 82)

Page Denied